

## REMARKS

### Objections

Claims 1, 5, 17, and 21 were objected to based upon informalities. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 5, 17 and 21 and submits that all informalities have been corrected.

### Allowable Subject Matter and Rejections

5        Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31 and 32 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lefkowitz et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,524,348 in view of Tokumitsu et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,729,290. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

10        However, in the interest of time, Applicant acknowledges that Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31 and 32 are directed toward allowable subject matter and Applicant has amended the base claims to include all limitations of Claims 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 and 31 respectively. Applicant has cancelled Claims 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 and 31. All

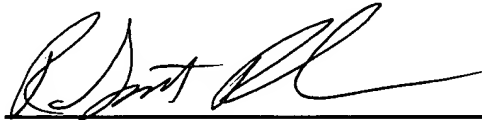
15        remaining claims depend from the amended base claims. Therefore, all independent claims include the allowable subject matter and therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 1-32 are allowable.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant has amended the claims and submits that Claims 1- 32 are in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees required to deposit  
5 account 19-4547. A telephone call to the below-signed attorney is invited if it would speed allowance or clarity of any argument.

Respectfully submitted,



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